

# Trinity NC City Council Meeting Minutes 8/17/10

Members Present: Mayor Carlton Boyles, Tommy Johnson, Kristen Varner, Linda Gantt,

Robbie Sikes, Barry Lambeth, Karen Bridges and Kelly Grooms

**Members Absent:** Tyler Earnst

**Others Present:** City Manager Ann Bailie, City Attorney Bob Wilhoit, Planning Administrator Adam Stumb, Stormwater Administrator Rich Baker, City Clerk/Finance Officer Debbie Hinson, Assistant City Clerk Lori Hunt, members of the media and other interested parties.

#### **Call to Order** (Mayor Carlton Boyles)

# 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Boyles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 2. Invocation

Council member Lambeth gave the invocation.

#### 3. Welcome Guests and Visitors

Mayor Boyles welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

#### 4. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Grooms, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

# **Public Comments**

None

# Proclamation/Recognition/Competition

- **1.** Declare August as Lyme Disease Awareness Month (Mayor Boyles) Mayor Boyles read the Proclamation declaring August as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.
- 2. Recognize local members of the Carolina Mustangs baseball team for winning the United Sates Specialty Sports Association 2010 World Series (Mayor Boyles & Council Member Robbie Sikes)

Mayor Boyles recognized Coach Robbie Sikes and players Nick Halo, Luke Michael, Connor Cox and Chet Sikes for their part in the Carolina Mustangs winning the United States Specialty Sports Association 2010 World Series in the 8 and under division. The team had a winning season of 75 – 5 which included three state championships. Mayor Boyles presented the coach and players with a plaque commemorating the achievement. Council member Grooms was presented with a signed baseball for his support of the team. He stated that he was proud of the children and the community for their support of the team.

3. July Yard of the Month as recognized by Friends of Trinity: Baxter and Mae Coltrane at 5666 Morgan St. (Mayor Boyles)

Baxter and Mae Coltrane were unable to attend the meeting to receive the award.

4. August Yard of the Month as recognized by Friends of Trinity: Ken and Geni Carico of 4123 Forest Manor Drive (Mayor Boyles)

Mayor Boyles recognized the Caricos for the August Yard of the Month Award.

**5. Name That Truck!** (Ann Bailie, City Manager)

Manager Bailie advised that about one month ago the City accepted a water jet truck from the town of Jamestown. The truck was given to the City of Trinity at no cost to the City. There was a contest for elected officials and staff to name the truck. There were 38 submitted names from seven people. The judges were Utilities and Public Works Director Rich Baker and Rusty Saxon owner of Accessible Outfalls.

Rich Baker read a short story using all of the names that were submitted for the truck. He announced that the winning name was "Flo" submitted by the City Manager Ann Bailie.

#### **Public Hearings\***

6. <u>2009 Sewer Hook-Up Grant:</u> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project #09-C-2031 (Steve Austin, Project Administrator)

Mr. Austin stated that this was an amendment to the 2009 sewer hook up grant. The City received \$75,000 for the CDBG fund in the 2009 program. He stated that at the time of the application the names were submitted for the people who would be receiving the hook up grant. There were five people who dropped out of the program, three had already hooked up and two homes were vacated and could not be hooked up. The state requires that if there are any changes in the names, there has to be a formal amendment process. In the 2008 grant the City was able to add additional people with a change order. This amendment will allow the change order to add more people as funds are available.

Mayor Boyles opened the Public Hearing and hearing no comments, closed the hearing.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to submit the amendment request by Council member Bridges, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

#### **Public Hearings\* (continued)**

7. <u>Pike Street Sewer Project:</u> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project #07-C-1725 (Alicia Broadway, Program Administrator, Benchmark CMR, Inc.)

A. Quarterly Report

Ms. Broadway thanked the Mayor and Council members for being able to serve the City. She requested the approval of the quarterly report.

Motion to accept the quarterly report by Council member Bridges, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

# B. Change Order

Ms. Broadway stated that there was one additional item for the change order for this project due to the fact that the plumbing connection for a home was considerably more extensive than originally planned. The additional cost was \$3,850 to hook up the unit. The unit could not be hooked up as usual because of the tree roots in the yard. The plumbing had to be rerouted under the house. Motion to approve the change order as presented by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Lambeth, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

C. Public Hearing: Close-out Project

Ms. Broadway stated that there were six taps added and that seven homes were connected.

Mayor Boyles opened the Public Hearing and hearing no comments, closed the hearing.

Motion to close out the project by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

#### **Reports**

8. Infrastructure projects update (Rich Baker, Utilities & Public Works Director/Adam Stumb, Planning & Zoning Administrator/Randy McNeill, Davis-Martin-Powell & Assoc.)

A. Flood Photos from July 27 (Stumb/Baker)

Mr. Stumb stated that there had been significant flooding from the recent rain. He showed pictures from the different areas of the City.

B. Phases 3 & 4-A Sewer Construction (*Baker*)

Mr. Baker gave the following updates:

- Phase 4A contract 1 is a stimulus project and is about 63% complete. The project is ahead of schedule.
- Phase 3 contract 2 is complete and all leaks have been stopped. The City Manager is getting the letters ready to be mailed.

- The remainder of Phase 3 is still under construction and may be complete in about 45 days.
- C. Updates: Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study, Trinity Furniture Sewer Line, Phase 4-A Contracts 2 & 3, Phase 4-B Old Town and Contracts 1 & 2) (*McNeill*)

Mr. McNeill gave the following updates:

- Phase 4A contracts 2 & 3 are waiting for the funding agency to release the loan for that project. The funding agency has to approve the preliminary engineering report that was submitted and they have to make an official loan offer and the City has to accept the offer.
- Phase 4B Old Town is a line that will extend between the football field and the baseball field and go up to the City limits of Trinity and is in the same situation as Phase 4A contract 2 & 3.
- Phase 4B contracts 1 & 2 is a larger area that serves the properties between Hwy. 62 and Interstate 85 from about Hopewell Church Rd. to Trinity Elementary School and extends some lines off of the Old Town line to serve other areas off of Meadowbrook.

Those projects have been designed and the permit application is being prepared and the documents have been submitted to the Right of Way agent and to the attorney.

The Trinity Furniture Project design has been completed and has also been submitted to the attorney for easement acquisition and permits are being completed to submit to the state for review.

The feasibility study for a potential wastewater treatment plant south of Archdale and east and south of Trinity is being funded by both cities as well as Randolph County. The City has met several times with Archdale's consultant and the tasks have been assigned. A treatment plant may be 20 years in the future.

# D. Streetlights (Baker/Stumb)

Mr. Baker advised that he and Adam Stumb met with Lynn Patterson from Duke Energy and 3 other Duke Energy representatives. The problems with the mapping have been ironed out. The City was required to purchase software for the GIS System to do the needed conversions. The streetlights on Fairview Church Rd. should be on line within 30 days.

# 9. Trash & Recycling Service Update (Task Force)

Manager Bailie stated that the members of the task force were Tommy Johnson, Kelly Grooms, and Robbie Sikes. The task force has been meeting since that time to work on solutions to the trash and recycling issue. Also attending the meetings have been Mayor Boyles, Rich Baker and Manager Bailie. The task force is leaning toward a City contract

with a corporation formed by the current haulers; Roadside Trash, Smith Disposal and Handy's Garbage Service. They would provide curbside trash and recycling service. Ms. Bailie stated that by law the service does not have to be bid out. There is a general statute that requires compensation to displaced haulers unless the City delays implementation until 15 months after Council formally takes action to provide the service. The School of Government advised that compensation would need to be provided to the displaced haulers. Ms. Bailie estimated that the displacement fees might be less than \$2,000 if the City contracts with Roadside, Smith and Handys. If contracting with any other haulers the City could be looking at displacement fees of \$180,000.

Ms. Bailie stated that the task force is expecting that the service be mandatory. There will be some exceptions. One exception identified may be for residents living on private roads because the City would not want to be responsible for damage to the private road. On a case by case basis the service could be provided to residents on private roads if a hold harmless agreement was executed.

Manager Bailie advised that the monthly service fee is expected to be about \$15 for trash and recycling, which is what most people are paying at the present for trash only. The service is expected to cost the City \$486,000 per year which equates to about \$15 per month per household. The most cost effective billing method would be to bill through Davidson Water. The City will need to purchase recycling toters. The retail cost is about \$50 per toter, but the City would be buying a large quantity and may get a discount. Grant funding may also be available. During the transition period the residents would use whatever container they are currently using for their trash. The target implementation date would be January 2011. Recyclables collection may initially be once a month but ultimately would be twice a month.

For recycling in the interim there will be two opportunities to recycle. On October16, 2010 there will be a shredding and recycling event held in conjunction with Friends of Trinity's Annual Car Show and Chili Cookoff and the Historical Society's Motorcycle Run to raise money for the Veteran's Memorial. This will be held at Braxton Craven School from early morning until about 3:00 p.m. Another opportunity to recycle will be at the City Haul on November 11, 12 & 13, 2010.

Because of the statute that requires compensation to displaced haulers the City is regulated as to when things happen. The task force will meet with the local haulers and the Council may consider the issue at the October Council meeting. The general statute requires notification by publication for 4 consecutive weeks prior to the first meeting that the service is talked about that would have the effect of displacing the haulers. The tentative notification is schedule is September 3,10, 17 & 24, 2010. The Council could take action on October 19, 2010.

Ms. Brenda Campbell, a resident wanted to know if because she lived on a portion of a road that is private if she would not have garbage service. Ms. Bailie and Council member Grooms assured her that would be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Campbell was also concerned that the developer would not keep up the private road. Attorney Wilhoit advised that the developer owns the private road.

# Chester Ayers – 3498 Circle Court

Mr. Ayers stated that he was concerned that the \$15 per month cost may not cover the cost of the recyclables and the trash pickup. Ms. Bailie advised that according to the quotes she got in 2009 that would cover the cost. Council member Sikes reminded Mr. Ayers that the haulers were going to be consolidating their routes. Mr. Ayers wanted to know where the money for the toters would come from. Ms. Bailie advised that it could come from grant money or from general funds. Mr. Ayers also wanted to know if the residents would be charged extra for billing. Council members advised that the cost of billing was included in the \$15 per month cost.

Council member Grooms stated that there would be 2 pickups per month for recyclables and that should handle the average persons' needs.

# **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

# **Business from City Manager**

Manager Bailie advised that the City did not get the Park Grant in the current round. There was a meeting with Vonda Martin a consultant on the Park Application. She stated that the City has a strong application. There were 4 that were funded in the City's region and the City would have been number 5.

Manager Bailie invited those present to stay after the meeting for cake and refreshments in celebration of naming the jet truck.

# **Business from Mayor and Council**

Council member Sikes extended his gratitude to the residents who have applauded the youth for their achievement in winning the baseball world series. He said that meant so much to the youth.

# **Closing Comments from Mayor and Council**

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

These minutes were approved at the regular Council meeting September 21, 2010 with a motion by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Lambeth, approved unanimously by all Council members present.